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APPLICANTS : THOMPSON et al.
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FILED : March 7, 2001
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GROUP ART UNIT : 1762
EXAMINER : B. Pianalto

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action dated August 20, 2002, the period for response having been extended herein to January 20, 2003 by payment of the requisite fee of \$410.00 for a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants respectfully submit the concurrently filed Request for Continued Examination along with the following amendments and remarks. The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:



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**REQUEST
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Preliminary Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other Petition for Extension of Time

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) **required**)
- b. ☐ Other

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. 1.114 when the RCE is filed

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No 11-0600
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed
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